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## HIS PURGATORIAL VIEWS.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 7, 1909.  
Editor News: Having shown among other things that the dead are dead until restored to life, and having answered the brother who signs himself in Greek, "Alethou Huperaspistos," which means in English, "Truth over infidelity or unbelief, and having a little time, will be glad to avail myself of the Lord's opportunity to comment little on the article, "Purgatory", on page 2 of July 15th News, and to present some of the Scriptural evidences that the purgatory of the Bible will be the glorious millennium, the golden age of prophecy. In other words, it will be "The times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His Holy prophets since the world began." See Acts 3:19-21. But in approaching our subject we recognize one hindrance which protestants encounter when replying to or offering the truth to Catholics and that is, they rely on books which they themselves brand as Apocryphal, i. e., not canonical. However we are not discussing the validity of the apocryphal and will do our best, and with the Lord's help, "for without Him we can do nothing," will show from the prophecies of scripture what we declare and define, to wit: that the Purgatory of Catholicism when introduced will be the world's judgement day, its time of instruction, trial and testing, when all the obedient will be granted eternal life as perfect human beings, on the perfect human plane where Adam was created, and fell from, and when all the irretrievable wicked will be hopelessly destroyed.

We all recognize that the race is dead or dying. As Paul says "by one man, (Adam) sin entered into the world and death by (as a result of) sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." In fact, from the divine standpoint the living are better described as dead than alive. (See Matt. 8:22; 2 Cor. 5:14.) We all understand too that our ransom has been provided—that "Jesus Christ, by the grace of God, tasted death for every man." "Who gave Himself as a ransom for all, to be testified (to all) in due time." That "He is a propitiation for our sins (the churches' sins) and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world." "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive." There shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust. "Wonder not at this, because an hour comes in which all those in the TOMBS will hear his voice, and shall come forth; those having done good things to a resurrection of life, and those having done evil things to a resurrection of judgement." Now the question arises why has the human race been redeemed by the precious blood, and why the promise of a resurrection? We agree that the just will come forth to perfect life; but what about the unjust the unrighteous, the great bulk of mankind? Are they to be restored to life for a short time only or as some say, be brought out of torment to be exhibited before the just only to be again remanded to the flames? This is one of the so-called orthodox views. But what say the Scriptures? We have it on the authority of the Almighty's oath, and the value of the ransom, that they are to be blessed, even all the families, nations and kindreds of the earth. Nothing short of this would fulfill the requirements of the word, sworn to and subscribed, to-wit: "By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord; for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son;... That in blessing I will bless thee, and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because thou hast obeyed my voice." Gen. 22:15-18. This oath-clad promise was made to Abraham and repeated to Isaac and Jacob. David sang about it in the Psalms. The blessings are foretold and elaborated by all the holy prophets. It was the hope of the early church. It was "an anchor" to Paul's soul "both sure and steadfast." See (Heb. 6:13-19.) It was Peter's hope when he so fervently exhorted the Jews to repentance and proclaimed the impending "Times of restitution of all things." In Acts 3:19-26. From this there can be no doubt that a blessing is promised, and outstanding, because all the families of the earth were not blessed in Abraham's day and they are not being blessed now. Therefore we properly inquire, what is the blessing promised, and when or how is it to be realized? Answering the first part of our question we find the blessing is to be LIFE: as our Lord said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." i. e., life in full measure as Adam had it before the fall—Jno. 10:10. In answer to the last part of our question we read of "A day in which he will judge (instruct, try, test) the world in righteousness by that man whom he

bath ordained." (Acts 17:31). Many Scriptures throw light on this judgement day. It is to be a day of reconstruction, of rejoicing, because it is to be done in righteousness. It is to be earth's great jubilee when the great prison house of death will be opened, and the last remnants of the curse purged away, "Satan be bound, and the ransomed returned with songs of deliverance. True this great day is not defined in Scripture as purgatory, but is brought to our attention as the thousand years reign of Christ on earth, Rev. 5:10, called the Millennium, and the character of the work to be done, viz., the raising of the dead and the purging away of sins, dross, etc., identifies the two, so that the child of God may have ample grounds for faith. Now what say the Scriptures about this day of Judgement, this kingdom, this purgatory, this righteous inquisition, when "God will bring every work into judgement, and every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil?" Let us hear them, for truly they are much more satisfactory than are the traditions of the heathen or the creeds of the ancients. We quote as follows: "I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, thou art my son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." Psalms 2:7-8. "I (Daniel) beheld all the thrones (of earth rulers) were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit; I saw in the night visions one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought him near before him; and there was given him a dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations and languages, "all the families of the earth," should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away and His Kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."—Daniel 7:9-13, 14. "And the Lord shall be King over all the earth; in that day there shall be one Lord, and his name one."—Zech. 14:9. "For the Kingdom is the Lord's and he is (to be) the governor among the nations."—Psalms 22:28. "He must reign until he hath put all enemies under his feet."—1 Cor. 1:32. "All nations shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name."—Psalms 86:9. "All the (families of) earth shall worship thee, and shall sing thy name."—Psalms 66:4. "They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations."—Psalms 72:25. "Say among the heathen the Lord reigneth: he shall judge the people righteously."—Psalms 96:10. "His anger endureth but a moment; his favor is life; weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the (resurrection) morning."—Psalms 30:5. "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and to open the prison to them that are bound (in death); to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn, to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness."—Isa. 61:1-3. "To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison (of death) and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house."—Isa. 42:7. "He shall not fail nor be discouraged till he have set judgement in the earth."—Isa. 42:4. "Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills be joyful together. For he cometh to judge, (instruct, try, test) the earth with righteousness, shall judge the world and the people with equity."—Psalms 98:8-9. "O, let the nations be glad and sing for joy; for thou shalt judge the people righteously and govern the nations upon earth."—Psa. 67:4. "Judge nothing before the time, before the Lord come, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the heart."—1 Cor. 4:5. "There shall be nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known."—Matt. 10:26. "The Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgement unto the son."—Jno. 5:22. "At his appearing and Kingdom."—2 Tim. 4:1. "Judgement will be lay to a line, and righteousness to the plummet, and the hail shall sweep (purge) away the refuge of lies, and the waters of truth shall overflow the hiding place" (of the deceivers.)—Isa. 28:17.

We have quoted enough Scripture to show the purging and cleansing character of the Judgement. We find that the great prison house of death will be opened, that the people will learn righteousness and rejoice exceedingly. Many Scriptures portray the character and blessing of this purgatorial thousand-year judgement day, and it is hard to pick out the best. But they all assure us of God's love and ample provision. Truly, as the Scriptures declare, "All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn unto the Lord, all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee." "Oh, thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come." "The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together." "For out of Zion (the spiritual phase of the Kingdom) shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem," the predestined capital of the world." Indeed, so

thorough and complete will be the purging and cleansing of that process that a resume of the blessings astound us. We can cite but few, to-wit. He will pour out his spirit on all flesh. Death will be swallowed up in victory. All tears will be wiped away. Sins remembered no more. No more pain, sorrow, sorrow. No law will be written in the hearts of men. All war and strife shall cease, all evil be suppressed, and the desire of all nations shall come.

When all this is accomplished then the sufferings of Christ and his body members will be appreciated. Then the thousand-year reign of Christ brought to our attention in Revelation 20th chapter, will be seen in all its glory.

From the above it will be seen that a great mistake has been made in supposing the day of Judgement to be the crack of doom, when the Scriptures declare it to be one of rest and restitution to the poor, groaning creation, so long in bondage to sin and death. For truly, as the prophet says, "When thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitant of the world will learn righteousness," and not before.

But while this is to be a time of favor and reward to the righteous, it will be one of correction and "stripes" to the disobedient. While very righteous acts will be rewarded, every indiscretion will receive its proper punishment. Justice will be the foundation of that Kingdom, as John puts it in Rev. 2:7; 19:15; 19:15, he will rule with a rod of iron. Judgement will be laid to a line and all who wilfully and knowingly oppose the law of that kingdom and trample under foot the love of God, will suffer even to a second death. "He that formed the ear" will hear and judge.

But while this great purgatorial Judgement Day is future it will interest some to know that there have been judgement days in the past when certain ELECT classes were on trial. The first of these was in Eden when Adam, and the race in his loins, was on trial before God. There the first judgement (trial and sentence) took place and the sad verdict is recorded in the fall of man—guilty and sentenced to death. The second great judgement day was the Jewish age when a special class called the "House of Servants" was tried, and final judgement rendered at the destruction of Jerusalem and the loss of national polity to the Jews. And since the close of judgement on that people, another great judgement has been in progress. During what is termed the Gospel Age, the Church of Christ has been on trial, and its members according to their enlightenment, have been judged as worthy or unworthy of "joint heirship with Christ," who as the great Inquisitor, will conduct the world's judgement, during its trial day, the millennium, the great purgatorial day of Scripture.

Yes, during this gospel age, the Lord has been taking out of the "gentiles a people for his name, to be his 'bride,' his 'joint heirs,' his associates in the coming Kingdom when the residue of men, all men, may see after the Lord, and all the gentiles upon whom his name is called. See Acts 15:14-17. The present is the great trial day of the church; no others are especially on trial now, though all are responsible according to their knowledge and light. During this age the great seed of Abraham has been in progress of development. Our Lord was THE Seed, but all who come into covenant relationship to him are accounted a part of the seed as it is written, "If ye be Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" (made to Abraham).—Gal. 3:29.

Dear reader, are you on trial? Have you by faith and consecration, been joined to the Lord as a branch in the true vine and are you seeking daily to know the Lord's will, concerning you, to overcome evil in yourself, and by his grace to be made a partaker of his holiness, and by and bye, when he comes to make up his jewels to share his Kingdom and help bless the world? If so, our interests are mutual and let us sing:

"Lift up your heads desponding pilgrims: Give to the winds your needless fears: He who hath died on Calvary's mountain Soon is to reign a thousand years.

Chorus: A thousand years, earth's coming glory! 'Tis the glad day so long foretold: 'Tis the bright morn of Zion's glory. Prophets foresaw in times of old.

"Tell the whole world these blessed tidings: Speak of a time of rest that nears: Tell the oppressed of every nation, Jubilee lasts a thousand years.

"What if the clouds do for a moment Hide the blue sky where morn appears! Soon the glad Sun of promise given, Rises to shine a thousand years.

"Haste ye along ages of glory: Haste the glad time when Christ appears.

O! that I may be one found worthy: To reign with him a thousand years." Yours in service,

L. D. BARNES.

P. S. There was one point in our good editor's comments on "Purgatory" that we wanted to notice. He says "The tendency of our tract is to knock out the idea which has prevailed for eighteen hundred years that when a man acts devilishly mean in this life he pays for it in the next." Not at all. We hold in harmony with the Scriptures that a man is responsible according to his enlightenment, and the more degraded he becomes in this life the more he will have to overcome when restored, and put on trial for life or death eternal during this trial day. It certainly behooves everyone to be as circumspect as possible, because there is a day—the millennium day—when "God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my

Gospel."—Rom. 2:16.

Our editor's reference to "heathen beliefs" recalls the fact that heathen philosophy has pervaded our theology and that it is all opposed to Scripture. God has had no dealings with the heathen in the sense of giving them his Word. He says by the Prophet Amos, "You Jews only have I known of all the families of the earth." And in line with this Paul says the Jews had "much advantage every way, because unto them were committed the oracles of God." Therefore the opinions and "oracles" of the heathen are valueless in the plan of salvation. The Hebrew and Greek Scriptures are the Christian's guide and in proportion as he confines himself to these, and submits to the guidance of these and uses his reason, he will be proportionately blessed.

When it is seen that man is mortal, subject to death, then the whole bottom falls out of the "middle state" and "Purgatory torments." When it is seen that a restoration is indispensable, and that man is to be restored to life on the earth and instructed in righteousness, purged and cleansed from all sin, made perfect and fit to live as the original Adam was, then the false idea of being transported to some unknowable and far away place of torment loses its hold upon the mind, and the deluded mortal is ready to receive the "engrafted word" which is able to save our souls."—Jas. 1:21.

Let it be seen that the proper purpose of punishment is corrective and not to placate a vindictive God, then the very idea of torment will become repulsive. When we see that death is the final penalty for sin, then we can more properly sympathize with each other, and the entire groaning creation, travelling in pain, waiting, for what? For the manifestation of Sons of God, the heirs of the Kingdom now in process of development, and through whom the blessings will come to all mankind.

Let us all note well that none are specially on trial now except those who have been enlightened and have come into covenant relationship to the Lord. All others are under the original curse, without God, and without visible hope. (Eph. 2:12.)

## Jasper, R. F. D. No. 1.

Special to the News.

Our meeting continued until last Friday and closed without even one conversion. I think the devil has got control of the people of this community, for the preaching does not have any effect on them. I think it will take something more than a preacher to turn some of our people. The people of Pleasant Grove had Bros. Dobbs, of Jasper, and Hopper, of Daisy, conduct the meeting. Bro. Hopper did some good preaching, but it seemed to do no good. A meeting will begin a Pleasant Grove to-night which will be conducted by Revs. Morrison, Thomas and Releford. We hope they will have a good meeting and do a great deal of good for it is badly needed. We pray that the All-wise Father, maker and ruler of all things, will be with the preachers and help them preach the Word to the people, and we do hope and pray that God will open the sinner's heart to receive the Word, and may they turn before it too late. May the good work go on until there will not be a sinner left.

The county bridge is nearing completion. I am sure everybody is glad.

Mrs. Jane Smith, of Dunlap, is visiting her brother and sister, Rev. Tom Morrison and Mrs. Nancy Deitz.

Jas. Deitz, Nancy Deitz, and Mrs. Jane Smith was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. N. Thomas Sunday evening. They had a good time eating melons.

Mrs. Jane Smith, Mrs. Nancy Deitz, and Mrs. Gerren were the guests of Mrs. Muecher one day last week.

Jas. Deitz, Nancy Deitz and Jane Smith spent Monday with their brother, T. M. Morrison.

Mr. Sallors going to start out west next week, if he can sell out and collect what is owing him. Homer Turner says he is going with them, or rather with Miss Alice, their only daughter.

Nannie Gerren sprained her ankle one day last week at school.

Mrs. Gerren is sick.

Mrs. Clint Colston is on the sick list.

Chas. Brewer says he is going to move to East Lake, having sold his place near Minterville.

Come on with your letters, ye writers to the News and let's not sleep any longer.

Black Bird.

## 'Twas a Glorious Victory.

There's rejoicing in Fedora, Tenn. A man's life has been saved, and now Dr. King's New Discovery is the talk of the town for curing G. V. Pepper of deadly lung hemorrhage. "I could not work nor get about," he writes, "and the doctors did me no good, but, after using Dr. King's New Discovery three weeks, I feel like a new man, and can do good work again." For weak, sore or diseased lungs, Coughs and Colds, Hemorrhages, hay fever, lagrippe, asthma or any bronchial affliction it stands unrivaled. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Sold and guaranteed by Whitwell Drug Co.

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## To the Honorable County School Board of Marion County: ELEVEN DAYS TO BOSTON

Board of Marion County:

We, the undersigned Advisory School Board for the Second Civil District for Marion County, Tenn., hereby enter our protest against the sale (at the price of \$350.00) of the old Cherokee school property, for the reason that the property is worth more money than it brought at the sale.

We would show your honorable body that there is three acres of good land in connection with this property as well as a commodious and well arranged finished school house that it will take \$1,500 to replace, making a value to the school children of Marion County of more than \$1,500.

We would further show your honorable school board that lands are worth and are being sold for more than \$200 per acre all about this property.

We would further show your body that there is more than \$100 worth of merchantable timber on this tract of land, and further this land is very fertile, and desirably situated for many demands, and has a value peculiar to itself from its situation.

Our information is that this sale was made for the paltry sum of \$350, and that the sale was cried two hours before the time advertised, and the right to reject all bids was placed in the public notice, thereby removing all semblance of a square deal, and making it an undesirable proposition to bid on by any citizen not personally and pecuniarily interested.

We are further informed that J. J. Dykes was paid out of the county treasury \$100 to ditch and drain this very property.

We now protest against this sale at the figures given and ask your honorable body to see that this property brings the money justly due the school children of the town of Whitwell and surrounding country.

J. H. HUDSON,

B. CONDRAS,

C. M. SMITH, Clerk,

District Advisory Board.

## Cholera Infantum Cured.

"Something like two years ago my baby, which was then about a year old, was taken seriously ill with cholera infantum, vomiting and purging profusely," writes J. F. Dempsey, of Dempsey, Ala. "I did what I could to relieve her but did her no good, and being very much alarmed about her went for a physician but failed to find one, so came back by Elder Bros. & Carter's store and Mr. Elder recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I procured a bottle of it, went home as quickly as possible and gave the baby a dose of the remedy. It relieved her in fifteen minutes and soon cured her entirely." For sale by Whitwell Drug Co.

## Intense Colicky Pains Relieved.

"For some years I suffered from intense colicky pain which would come on at times and from which I could find no relief," says I. S. Mason, of Beaver Dam, Ky. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was recommended to me by a friend. After taking a few doses of the remedy I was entirely relieved. That was four years ago and there has been no return of the symptoms since that time." This remedy is for sale by Whitwell Drug Co.

## Children Cry

FOR FLETCHER'S

CASTORIA

## Dr. Johnson and H. S. Probosco Arrived There Sunday Night.

A telegram received Sunday night from Dr. J. W. Johnson stated that his party consisting of Mrs. Johnson, H. S. Probosco and himself, reached Boston in their automobile Sunday at 7 o'clock in the evening, after being on the road eleven days. The party left Chattanooga August 5th. The entire distance traveled was 1,560 miles. The last day's drive was from Pittsfield, Mass., to Boston. One day was spent in Buffalo, the only one in which they were not on the road. A most enjoyable trip was reported.—Chattanooga Times.

## Humors Come to the Surface

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